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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: LONGER VALIDITY FOR VISAS FOR SOVIET BUSINESSMEN

1. DURING JULY 29 CALL BY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMITAGE, SOVIET DEPUTY FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER MANZHULO COMPLAINED THAT THE VALIDITY OF VISAS FOR SOVIET BUSINESS VISITORS WAS OFTEN TOO SHORT. OFTEN, HE SAID, THEY WERE VALID FOR ENTRY FOR ONLY A WEEK OR TEN DAYS AFTER THEY WERE RECEIVED. HE ASKED FOR HELP IN IMPROVING THIS SITUATION, AND ARMITAGE SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO IT.

2. EMBASSY ISSUES APPROVED VISAS FOR ENTRY DURING THE TIME PERIOD REQUESTED BY THE SOVIETS ON THE VISA APPLICATION. SITUATION DESCRIBED BY MANZHULO COULD COME ABOUT IF APPLICATION WERE FILED EARLY IN A MONTH FOR TRAVEL IN THE SAME MONTH. DEPENDING ON TIME CONSUMED IN THE CLEARANCE PROCESS AND THE PLANNED DATE OF TRAVEL IT COULD HAPPEN THAT A VISA VALID FOR THE CALENDAR MONTH IN WHICH IT WAS ISSUED WOULD ALLOW ONLY A WEEK TO TEN DAYS FOR ENTRY INTO THE US. THIS SITUATION MAY BE FURTHER COMPLICATED FOR THE SOVIETS BY THEIR OWN INTERNAL PROCEDURES FOR GETTING INTERNATIONAL AIR RESERVATIONS AND BUYING THE TICKETS.

3. THE EMBASSY RECALLS THAT LAST YEAR THE DEPARTMENT INSTITUTED PRACTICE OF AUTHORIZING ENTRY FOR ONE ADDITIONAL

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MONTH IN SPLEX AND BUSVIS CASES WHERE THE ETD IS TOWARD THE END OF A MONTH (E.G., IF ETD IS JULY 28, AUTHORIZATION WOULD BE FOR ENTRY IN JULY OR AUGUST). EMBASSY NOTES THAT DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZATIONS FOR END-OF-MONTH ETD'S DO NOT ALWAYS AUTHORIZE ENTRY DURING THE ADDITIONAL FOLLOWING MONTH. EMBASSY PROPOSES THAT THE DEPARTMENT RENEW ITS PREVIOUS PRACTICE OF AUTHORIZING ENTRY FOR ADDITIONAL MONTH IN CASES WHERE ETD IS DURING LATTER

PART OF MONTH. CASES IN WHICH DEPARTMENT WISHES TO LIMIT AND CONTROL ENTRY WOULD, OF COURSE, NOT BE INCLUDED IN THIS SCHEME.

4. DEPARTMENT REQUESTED TO INFORM EMBASSY WHETHER IT WILL RENEW PRACTICE OF AUTHORIZING ENTRY FOR ADDITIONAL MONTH WHEN THE ETD PROVIDED BY MFA IN BUSVIS AND SPLEX CASES COMES DURING LATTER HALF OF MONTH.
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